

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Canceled).

Claim 2 (Currently amended): The method according to claim [[1]] 16, wherein the (meth)acrylate copolymer consists of 30 to 80% by weight free-radical polymerized C₁ to C₄ alkyl esters of acrylic or methacrylic acid and 70 to 20% by weight (meth)acrylate monomers having a tertiary amino group in the alkyl radical.

Claim 3 (Currently amended): The method according to claim [[1]] 16, wherein the (meth)acrylate copolymer consists of 40 to 60% by weight methacrylic acid and 60 to 40% by weight methyl methacrylate or 60 to 40% by weight ethyl acrylate.

Claim 4 (Currently amended): The method according to claim [[1]] 16, wherein the substrates are selected from the group consisting of active ingredient crystals, active ingredient-containing cores, tablets, granules, pellets and capsules.

Claim 5 (Currently amended): The method according to claim [[1]] 16, wherein the pigment incompatible with the coating agent is an aluminum pigment.

Claim 6 (Currently amended): The method according to claim [[1]] 16, wherein the pigment incompatible with the coating agent is selected from the group consisting of orange yellow S (E110, C.I. 15985, FD&C Yellow 6), indigo carmine (E132, C.I. 73015, FD&C Blue 2), tartrazine (E 102, C.I. 19140, FD&C Yellow 5), Ponceau 4R (E 125, C.I. 16255, FD&C Cochineal Red A), quinoline yellow (E 104, C.I. 47005, FD&C Yellow 10),

eythrosine (E127, C.I. 45430, FD&C Red 3), azorubine (E 122, C.I. 14720, FD&C Carmoisine), amaranth (E 123, C.I. 16185, FD&C Red 2), and acid brilliant green (E 142, C.I. 44090, FD&C Green S).

Claim 7 (Currently amended): The method according to claim [[1]] 16, wherein the one or more spray devices comprises two or more two-fluid nozzles or one or more three-fluid nozzles.

Claim 8 (Currently amended): The method according to claim [[1]] 16, wherein the spray application takes place in a drum coater, a coating pan, a fluidized bed apparatus or a spray sifter.

Claim 9 (Original): The method according to claim 8, wherein the spray application takes place by spray devices as fixed installation.

Claim 10 (Currently amended): A pigmented pharmaceutical or food supplement or parts thereof produced by a method according to claim [[1]] 16.

Claim 11 (Currently amended): The [[A]] pigmented pharmaceutical or food supplement or parts thereof ~~produced by a method~~ according to claim 10, wherein the pigmented pharmaceutical or food supplement or parts thereof ~~are~~ is in the form of at least one selected from the group consisting of tablets, granules, pellets, capsules, sachets and powders for reconstitution.

Claim 12 (Currently amended): ~~The A pigmented pharmaceutical or food supplement or parts thereof according to claim 10, wherein a sealing layer is present between the coating and the substrate produced by the method according to Claim 17.~~

Claim 13 Original): The pigmented pharmaceutical or food supplement or parts thereof according to claim 12, wherein the sealing layer consists of a neutral polymer.

Claim 14 (Currently amended): A drum coater, coating pan, fluidized bed apparatus or spray sifter suitable for carrying out a method according to claim [[1]] 16, wherein the one or more spray devices comprises one or more three-fluid nozzles.

Claim 15 (Canceled).

Claim 16 (New): A method for producing pharmaceuticals or parts of pharmaceuticals or food supplements or parts thereof, comprising:
preparing a sprayable solution, suspension or dispersion of a film-forming coating agent in a liquid;

preparing a separate sprayable solution, suspension or dispersion of a pigment in a liquid;

simultaneously spraying by spray application onto a substrate of the pharmaceuticals or parts of pharmaceuticals or food supplements or parts thereof with the solution, suspension or dispersion of a film-forming coating agent and the solution, suspension or dispersion of a pigment;

thereby coating the substrate with the film-forming coating agent comprising the pigment;

evaporating the liquid of each solution, suspension or dispersion;

forming a uniformly pigmented film coating on the pharmaceuticals or parts of pharmaceuticals or food supplements or parts thereof;

wherein the film-forming coating agent is a (meth)acrylate copolymer having cationic or anionic groups,

the sprayable solution, suspension or dispersion of a film-forming coating agent and the sprayable solution, suspension or dispersion of a pigment are incompatible with respect to destabilization of the dispersion, coagulation, signs of inhomogeneity or similarly unwanted effects if combined before spraying, and

the simultaneously spraying by spray application comprises one or more spray devices which separately spray liquids, singly or together, and separate spray beams of the one or more spray devices overlap.

Claim 17 (New): The method for producing pharmaceuticals or parts of pharmaceuticals or food supplements or parts thereof, according to Claim 16, further comprising applying a sealing layer to the substrate of the pharmaceuticals or parts of pharmaceuticals or food supplements or parts thereof before the simultaneously spraying by spray application onto the substrate of the pharmaceuticals or parts of pharmaceuticals or food supplements or parts thereof with the solution.